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- 25X1 1. [] Matt Baird and John Warner met with
25X1 Congressman Thomas N. Downing (D., Va.) concerning the constituent
complaints he has received about the explosions at [] Mr.
Downing was informed that CIA in fact ran [] and that this was
classified. We explained the factual situation concerning the explosions.
Mr. Downing said that he had letters from responsible people. He
requested that we arrange another test such as had already been conducted
for the various complainants. We agreed to this and in addition asked
Mr. Downing if he would like to see at firsthand some of the explosions
and the detonation area beforehand. He said he would very much like to
do this and arrangements were made for him to come to the main gate
25X1 at [] at one o'clock on 10 April. Thereafter he will be ferried
across the river and the tests will be scheduled at three o'clock.
- 25X1 2. [] William Watts telephoned advising
that Representative Francis Walter had requested from the Department
of State an intelligence report dealing with the World Youth Festival
at Vienna last year. The Department indicated that some of the material
in the report had been furnished by CIA but that they understood John S.
Warner was knowledgeable on this point and concurred in release to
HCUA. I advised Watts that I knew nothing about this and suggested he
secure the actual report before any comment is made.
- 25X1 3. [] Advised Mr. Sourwine, Chief Counsel
of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, that the document referred
to in the NEW YORK TIMES of 27 March was not an intelligence report
but was an analysis prepared by the State Department and that information
concerning it could be obtained through State. Sourwine was also advised of
our understanding that Ben Mandel on his staff talked with the Department
about this.
- 25X1 4. [] Made a call to Colonel Black of the
Air Force to determine the Defense position on the Industrial Security
Mills M. R. 8121, S. 2416, and S. 2315. Colonel Black will check on this
and be in touch with us.